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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312

B³ at page 4, line 7, please replace "Wang resin beads" with Wang resin
(4-(hydroxymethyl)phenoxyethylcopoly(styrene-1% divinylbenzene(DVB)
resin) beads

at page 5, line 16, please replace "pintools" with pin conformations;

B⁴ at page 6, line 25, please replace "Dynabeads" with biomagnetic
separation beads such as Dynabeads^R;

B⁵ at page 6, line 26, please replace "Merrifield resin" with Merrifield resin,
which is chloromethylated copolystyrene-divinylbenzene(DVB) resin

at page 6, line 26, please replace "Sephadex/Sepharose" with
Sephadex^R/Sepharose^R;

at page 7, lines 9 and 10, please replace "Sephadex/Sepharose" with
Sephadex^R/Sepharose^R;

at page 7, line 10, please replace "Dynabeads" with Dynabeads^R;

at page 10, line 1, after "linker/interactions" please replace "is" with
are;

at page 14, line 11, please replace "theback" with the back;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

B⁶ 2. (Amended) A composition of claim 1, wherein the bead is
made from a material selected from the group consisting of: silica gel, glass,
magnet, [Wang] 4-(hydroxymethyl)phenoxyethylcopoly(styrene-1%
divinylbenzene) resin, chloromethylated copolystyrene-divinylbenzene
[Merrifield] resin, metal, plastic, cellulose, [Sephadex] dextran cross-linked with
epichlorohydrin and [Sepharose] agarose.

B⁷ 17 18. (Amended) A composition, comprising a bead conjugated to a
solid support and further conjugated to a nucleic acid, wherein conjugation is
effected with a crosslinking agent.